



Helen G. Wilson

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Helen Wilson was born in Tazewell, Virginia. She was the third child of Georgia Ann Yost and Robert Lorenzo Gillespie. She had five sisters and three brothers.

Helen died of natural causes, at the Treasure Coast Hospice Center in Stuart, Florida on February 5. She was surrounded by her Brother and two of her nieces (Rebecca & Debbie)

Helen's mother died when she was 16 years old. She help raise a sister, five years old and a brother 18 months old. Helen graduated from Tazewell High School and Bluefield College. She made the varsity basketball teams and became captain her freshman year. She continued her education at VPI (VA Tech) and George Washington University where she obtained her bachelor's degree. Helen was an athletic, adventuresome woman, an avid snow & skier water and a very strong swimmer. She participated in the water shows on the Potomac Washington DC in the 50s and 60s.

Helen worked as a Secretary for Tazewell County Clerk of Court, was offered a job in the Pentagon during World War II and moved to Alexander, Virginia. Helen always had a passion for flying and became a Flight Attendant for Capital/ United Airlines, where she met her late husband, Robert J Wilson, who was General Counsel & Operation VP of Capital/ United Airlines. They were married in 1959 and purchased a farm outside of Leesburg, Virginia. They spent the winter months in Key Biscayne, FL in their Condominium. Bob Wilson died of cancer 1983.

Helen continue to spend her winter months in Florida where she met Dr. Norval R. Mathie in 1990s, they purchased condo together in Stuart, FL. and were married in 2003. DR. Mathie died in 2014.

She is survived by her Brother, Jack Gillespie, of Great Falls, VA; 5 nephews; Randy Ireson, of Salem, Oregon; Rob Ireson of Greenbrea, California; Steven Gillespie of Palm Springs, CA; Roger Gillespie, of Baltimore, Maryland; Michael Jennings of Sugar Grove, N.C.; David Jennings of



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Houston, Texas;; 5 nieces, Debbie Kavanagh of Levittown, PA; Rebecca Jennings of Murrells Inlet, S.C.; Pamela Gillespie Harmon of Apex, N. C.; Megan Ireson of Hornbrook, CA; Mollie Doyle of Santa Monica, CA; 5 Grand nephews, 6 Grand nieces, and 2 Great-Great-grandnephews and 2 Great –Great- Grand nieces.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests Memorial gifts be made to the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network,
555, 11th St. NW, Washington DC 20004. 202-661-5700

A memorial service will be held March 30, 2:00PM at the Loudoun Funeral Chapel at 158 Catoctin Circle, S.E. Leesburg, Virginia.



Events

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Service

 **Wednesday**, March 30, 2016

 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET

 **Loudoun Funeral Chapel**
158 Catoctin Circle, S.E., Leesburg VA 20175





Tribute Wall

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The William B. Foote Family sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Wilson family.



March 26 at 8:17 AM

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Carolyn Hyde posted:

I met Helen, though we called her Gilly, through my mother, Mary Ann Hyde. We lived in Potomac and my parents were good friends with the Wilsons. My mother, Gilly and Jo Humbert liked to ski and went on skiing trips together. That's how my family came to live in Aspen. My most vivid memories of Gilly were when she lived at the farm with Uncle Bob. During and after college, I visited often. We had such fun together! Every morning Uncle Bob would declare at the round table in the kitchen, "I wonder what new and exciting things will happen to us today!" Gilly was such a bright spirit and lived life to its fullest. She was a beautiful, curious, enthusiastic, athletic, kind person and she always knew how to have fun. I'm so glad she found love again after Uncle Bob passed away. Though I didn't know Norv very well, I do know she was happy with him and they took good care of each other. Gilly and I kept in touch these many years. I don't think a Christmas ever went by that I didn't have a card from Gilly. She meant a lot to me. I'll always remember her great spirit, her love for her family, the farm, swimming, skiing and aviation. My heartfelt condolences. She lived a good, full life and will be dearly missed. - Carolyn Hyde

March 24 at 3:42 AM

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Ann Scherma posted:

Helen was strong, athletic, independent and adventuresome. As you know, at times she could be cantankerous, but she loved her family. My father, Norval was blessed to have Helen during his later years. She tried her best to care for him and Norv appreciated her devotion. They were good companions and shared a special bond. According to Helen, they never fought. Helen and Norv kept each other's spirits up when they encountered health problems. When Norval fell and broke his hip, Helen was there every day by his side during surgery and rehabilitation, supporting him. Within 8 weeks, while Norv was recouping in Florida, he fell and broke his opposite hip. He was so emotionally distraught, questioning if he could endure it all again! I will never forget how Helen got down on the floor, cradled and comforted Norv, soothing and encouraging him. Thank you Helen for your love of Norv.

March 19 at 2:02 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Helen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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